

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



**OFFICIAL WARNING**  
**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

CASE NO.  
**NC10056-AC**

VIOLATOR  
**Raymond Hughes**

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

**Raymond Hughes**  
**2304 Mitchell Street**  
**Knoxville, TN 37917-6134**

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **October 10, 2009**, you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

Entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting, the horse "Cash's Joe Willie J.R.," at the North Carolina Championship Walking Horse Show which was found sore.

The Horse Protection Act prohibits the following conduct:

**15 U.S.C. § 1824(2) – Unlawful acts**

"The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse."

**9 CFR § 11.3 – Scar rule**

"The scar rule applies to all horses born on or after October 1, 1975. Horses subject to this rule that do not meet the...scar rule criteria shall be considered to be "sore" and are subject to all prohibitions of...the Act."

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since the violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name, Title)

**Bernadette Juarez, Deputy Director**  
**Investigative and Enforcement Services**

OFFICE ADDRESS:

**4700 River Road, Unit 85**  
**Riverdale, MD 20737**

SIGNATURE

*[Signature]* for B. Juarez

DATE ISSUED

*June 4, 2010*

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**(301) 734-8684**

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